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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 March 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Thank you for your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> March.*

*You refer me, however, as follows:*

*I note in your request for an informal resolution dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 that you have asked about information held within the document AWRE O 24/86. I can advise that this document has recently been published and can be found via the following link -*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/foi-responses-released-by-the-ministry-of-defence-2015>

*I have examined every FOI release listed on that link but can find no reference to AWRE 024/86 or anything resembling that title. Hence, could you please check the link and/or let me have a copy of the document (AWRE 024/86) as released?*

*I also note that you kindly state:*

*1) No information is held; there has been no review of the classification of AWRE O 24/86.*

*Yet it appears, from what you write – see extract above - that the document has been published and thus must have been declassified, or am I being thick?*

*A speedy response would really be helpful, not least as I am required to submit a Statement of Case and list of all documents on which my appellants will rely by next week"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

A copy of document AWRE O24/86 is attached at Annex A. I can confirm that the statement in our letter dated 25 March 2015 is correct i.e. No information on any declassification is held: there has

been no review of the classification of AWRE O 24/86. This document has, however, been subject to redaction in order for it to be released to [REDACTED] under FOI request 2015/00575.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

DST Secretariat